

### Premises Registration

#### Premises registration is fundamental to containing animal diseases.

Knowing where animals are located and how to reach producers is the key to rapid, accurate, and cost-effective disease response. This information helps first responders quickly determine the size and scope of a disease outbreak or other animal health event and the resources needed to contain it.

Producers who participate in premises registration provide basic contact information, which allows them to be notified quickly when a disease situation might put their animals at risk. They then have the information and assistance they need to take action and protect the health of their animals.

USDA recommends that producers provide at a minimum the following information during the process of signing up for a premises identification number (PIN):

- Name of the entity
- Appropriate contact person
- Full address for the premises
- Contact phone number(s)
- Operation type (production unit, market, exhibition, slaughter plant, etc.)
- Species kept at the premises

Premises registration is carried out by the States and Tribes. Each State or Tribe may have its own additional information requests, based on local needs, in order to issue a PIN. Participating producers then receive their PIN, a seven-digit alphanumeric number used to identify livestock and poultry premises.

Obtaining a PIN through premises registration is the foundation of the National Animal Identification System (NAIS). Premises registration functions independently of NAIS' other two components: animal identification and animal tracing. Producers who choose to get a PIN are not required to participate in the other two NAIS components. They can evaluate all three NAIS components and determine the level of participation that best serves their needs.

NAIS provides the opportunity for producers that are not part of a disease program to voluntarily participate in national animal health safeguarding efforts. Individual States may choose to keep premises registration voluntary or not, based on local needs. You can participate and obtain a PIN by contacting your State or Tribal NAIS administrator to complete the appropriate form. For your State or Tribal NAIS administrator's contact information, please visit: <http://www.usda.gov/naais/getPIN>.

You may opt to register your premises online (as available) or by mailing or faxing the form to the NAIS contact for your area. Federal law protects individuals' private information and confidential business information from disclosure.

#### Why participate in premises registration?

- Rapid response requires rapid communications. Producers with a PIN ensure they will receive the information they need to protect their animals and their investment if and when a disease outbreak or animal health event occurs.
- Time is money. A modern, streamlined information system ensures that the disease investigation process—which includes notifying affected producers—is completed timely and effectively.
- Opening the lines of communication between producers and animal health officials is critical.
- A single report of disease can shut down the movement of animals. Rapid disease response enables animal movements, markets, and exhibitions to return to normal more quickly.
- In a market-driven economy, the ability to rapidly respond to a disease situation is key to maintaining consumer demands and protecting access to domestic and international markets.

- Prices at home are dictated by the overall demand for U.S. products. Therefore, to preserve and protect prices for domestic commodities, it is crucial to maintain access to international markets.
- By choosing to get a PIN, producers become part of a national animal disease response network. They join industry, State and Federal partners, and fellow producers in controlling and preventing the spread of disease.
- Each producer belongs to a larger community. Producers who opt to register their premises and receive a PIN will be better informed to protect their animals and their livelihood. In turn, they will help prevent disease spread and minimize the economic damage of an animal disease outbreak

or animal health event in their communities.

## How to participate in premises registration

To participate in premises registration, visit your State's department of agriculture Web site or contact your State or Tribal NAIS administrator. Contact information for all State NAIS administrators is available at: [www.usda.gov/nais](http://www.usda.gov/nais).

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### Additional Information

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